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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *06 August 2007*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,3,5-9* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,3,5-9* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☒ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed August 3, 2007, in relation to Application Number: 10/807,542 (hereinafter referred to as "amendment"). Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, and 8 have been amended. No claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1, 3, and 5-9 are currently pending.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the element "plurality of data latches" is not introduced using proper antecedent basis format; the article "a" or "an" is used to introduce an element, whereas "the" or "said" is used to refer to a previously introduced element or step. Appropriate correction is required

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akimoto et al., United States Patent Number US 6,856,308 B2 (hereinafter referred to as "Akimoto '308") and further in view of Oka et al., United States Patent Number 4,600,200 (hereinafter referred to as "Oka '200).

4. With regard to claim 1, Akimoto '308 clearly teaches **a display driver for driving data lines of an electro optic device based on display data** (see FIG. 1 generally and further

described at column 4, lines 1-37) **comprising: a display data random access memory** (see FIGs 1 and 2 disclosing an SRAM frame memory 7 further described at column 5, lines 45-end) **including a plurality of word lines** (see FIG. 2 element 22 and column 5, lines 46-50), **a plurality of column lines** (see column 5, lines 50-60 describing data lines 26 further see FIG. 2 element 26), **and a plurality of memory cells each storing display data of one pixel** (see FIG. 2, element 21, further described in column 5, lines 46-48); **a display address decoder selecting a word line of the display data random access memory based on a display address** (see column 5, lines 60-65, describing X decoder 31 further illustrated in FIG. 2); **a display column address decoder selecting a column line of the display data random access memory based on a display column address** (see FIG. 2, further described in column 5, lines 49-50, Y decoder 23); **a plurality of read-out bit lines each commonly coupled to a memory cell group specified by a corresponding column line** (see FIG. 2, and further descried at column 6, lines 30-44); **a scroll bus coupled to the plurality of read-out bit lines** (see FIG. 1, bus 18 further described at column 6, lines 45-48); **a shift register outputting a shift output shifted based on a given shift clock** (see FIG. 1 further described in column 4, lines 25-30, 43-65 describing shift register 4, based on control signal), **the shift register including a plurality of shift register latches** (see FIG. 1, lines 25-65, shift register is a compilation of latches); **a line latch loading display data that are loaded in the plurality of data latches in one horizontal scan cycle** (see FIG. 10, first latch circuit, element 82, further described in column 8, lines 47-48 further describing one scanning cycle at column 9, lines 50-65); **a plurality of data latches each corresponding to each data line of the electro optic device** (see FIG. 10, second latch circuit element 85, further described in column 8, lines 52-55) **and loading display data on the scroll**

bus (see column 8, lines 55-60 describing element 79), **each data latch being connected to the line latch** (see FIG. 10 and further describe in column 8, lines 43-60) **and to a shift register latch of said plurality of shift register latches** (see FIG. 10, further described in column 8, lines 43-end); **and a driving circuit driving the data lines based on the display data loaded in the plurality of data latches** (see FIG. 11. describing driving operation of DA converter 11 at column 9, lines 10-30); **wherein display data of one pixel are read out from a memory cell specified by a word line selected by the display address decoder and a column line selected by the display column address decoder** (see FIG. 14 and further column 15, lines 9-42), **the data are output to the scroll bus via the read-out bit line coupled to the memory cell** (see FIG.14 and further column 14, line 49-57 and additionally at column 15, lines 9-42, alternatively described at column 6, lines 45-52), **and the data on the scroll bus are loaded in each of the plurality of data latches** (see FIG. 14, further at column 15, lines 30-43, and alternatively described at column 6, lines 31-end) **wherein each of the plurality of data latches loads display data on the scroll bus on the shift output of each stage of the shift register** (see column 6, lines 31-end and further continued at column 7 lines 1-3).

5. However, Akimoto '308 differs from the claimed invention in that Akimoto '308 does not directly teach **an image generated by loading said display data is scrolled in an oblique direction to upper right, upper left, lower right, and lower left by combining vertical scrolling and horizontal scrolling based on the data output to the scroll bus and based on the shift output of each stage of the shift register.**

6. In the same field of endeavor, Oka '200 clearly teaches **an image generated by loading said display data is scrolled in an oblique direction to upper right, upper left, lower right,**

and lower left by combining vertical scrolling and horizontal scrolling based on the data output to the scroll bus (see Abstract generally and further described in column 2, lines 7-30 describing operation, and additionally in column 4, lines 14-24) **and based on the shift output of each stage of the shift register** (see column 6, lines 21-37).

7. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have been motivated to incorporate the scrolling system as taught by Oka '200 into the display system of Akimoto '308 because both are within the same field of endeavor and furthermore, Oka '200 improves processing of moving images and objects, a common goal with in the art (see Oka '200 at column 1, lines 48-55).

8. With regard to claim 3, Akimoto '308 in view of Oka '200 clearly teaches **the display driver according to claim 1** (see above), **wherein the driving circuit drives the data lines based on display data loaded in the line latches instead of the plurality of data latches** (see Akimoto '308 at column 6, lines 53-end).

9. With regard to claim 5, Akimoto '308 in view of Oka '200 clearly teaches **an electro optic device** (see Akimoto '308 FIG.1 element 50), **comprising: a plurality of scan lines** (see Akimoto '308, FIG. 1 at column 4, lines 5-15 gate line 3); **a plurality of data lines** (see Akimoto '308, FIG. 1 at column 4, lines 10-20 describing signal line 5); **a plurality of pixels coupled to the plurality of scan lines and the plurality of data lines** (see Akimoto '308 column 4, lines 5-10 describing a pixel cell 10); **a scan driver scanning the plurality of scan lines** (see Akimoto '308 describing gate line shift register 4, drives the gate lines 3 in conjunction with other elements); **and the display driver according to claim 1 driving the plurality of data lines** (see claim 1 above).

10. With regard to claim 6, Akimoto '308 in view of Oka '200 clearly teaches **an electro optic device** (see Akimoto '308 FIG.1 element 50), **comprising: a display panel** (see Akimoto '308 column 4, lines 32-36 describing display panel) **including a plurality of scan lines** (see Akimoto '308, FIG. 1 at column 4, lines 5-15 gate line 3), **a plurality of data lines** (see Akimoto '308, FIG. 1 at column 4, lines 10-20 describing signal line 5), **and a plurality of pixels coupled to the plurality of scan lines and the plurality of data lines**(see Akimoto '308 column 4, lines 5-10 describing a pixel cell 10); **a scan driver scanning the plurality of scan lines** (see Akimoto '308 describing gate line shift register 4, drives the gate lines 3 in conjunction with other elements); **and the display driver according to claim 1 driving the plurality of data lines** (see claim 1 above).

11. With regard to claim 7, Akimoto '308 in view of Oka '200 clearly teaches **an electronic apparatus, comprising: the electro optic device according to claim 5** (see above); **and a display data generator generating display data to be supplied to the electro optic device** (see Akimoto '308 describing MUP 15 at but not limited to column 4, lines 42-65).

12. With regard to claim 8, it is similarly analyzed as claim 1 above and rejected under the same rationale. The method for driving is similar to the display driver as described in claim 1.

13. With regard to claim 9, it is similarly analyzed as claim 3 above as dependent on claim 1 and rejected under the same rationale. The method of driving is similar to the display driver as described in claim 1.

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 5-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarvesh J. Nadkarni whose telephone number is 571-270-1541. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00 M-Th EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amare Mengistu can be reached on 571-272-7674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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